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In the claims:

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

Claim 21 A stringed musical instrument comprising a body, a neck extending outwardly from said body, a head located opposite said body on said neck, at least one string extending from said body to said head, said at least one string having a first end and a second end, means on said head for supporting and forming a first critical point for said at least one string, means on said body for supporting and forming a first critical point for said at least one string, said first end secured to said head and said second end secured to said body wherein said stringed musical instrument includes an adjustment device comprising a means for bringing said at least one string to proper playing pitch at at least one [preset] tuning[s] quickly and a separate means whereby said at least one string is further [fined] tuned at said proper playing pitch.

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

Claim 37           Apparatus of claim 36 wherein said at least one bridge being pivotably displaceable about said axis transverse the axis of said at least one string, said second critical point travels a critical distance on said surface of said at least one bridge and simultaneously achieves [balances] the harmonic tuning at [with] said proper playing pitch as said bridge is pivoted raising said at least one string from an untensioned condition to said at least one tuning.

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

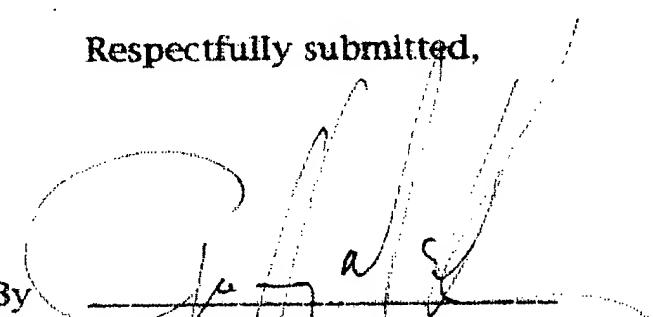
Claim 44           A stringed musical instrument comprising a body, a neck extending outwardly from said body, a head located opposite said body on said neck, at least one string extending from said body to said head, said at least one string having a first end and a second end, means on said head for supporting and forming a first critical point for said at least one string, means on said body for supporting and forming a second critical point for said at least one string, said first end secured to said head and said second end secured to said body, at least one string anchor located opposite said body on said head wherein said stringed musical instrument comprises an adjustment device combining a means for bringing said at least one string to proper playing pitch at at least one of several preset tunings quickly, a separate means whereby said at least one string is fined tuned at said proper playing pitch and at least one gripping portion intermediate said nut and said at least one string anchor for gripping the string.

The applicant has made supplemental amendments to claim 21, 37 and claim 44 to the above referenced Amendment. Clean versions of the claims are provided accordingly; and the marked-up versions of the changes made in the claims are found herein under the caption: "Version with markings to show changes made."

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that this Application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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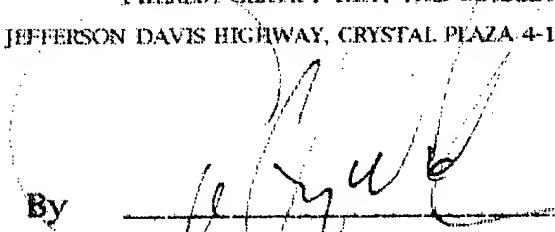
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